PratwoBl for Development of Air Fields in Andhra Pradesh

379. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to select important district head quarters to develop air fields;

(b) if so, te places selected in Andhra Pradesh for development of airports; and

(c) whether any airports will be developed in Andhra Pradesh during 1994-*951*

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not .3 arise.

(c) The work on expansion and up-gradation of Hyderabad airport and runway extension at Tirupathi airport is already in progress.

Report on Tounrsim in Bihar

380. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minuter of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal to prepare a report on tourism in Bihar State during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details tnereof and to which places such proposals are related; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) arul (c) Does not arise.

Report of inquiry into Aurangabad ail-crash

381. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: WiH the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the En quiry Commission, that probed into the Boeing crash at Aurangabad of 26th April, 1993 of Indian Airlines, has submitted its report to Government wherein it has been found that the Cap tain of the flight was unfit to fly the aircraft •

(b) what are the principal observation* made by the Commission as the reason of the said air crash; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate such instances in future in order to augment the level of safety in air travel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU LAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Court of Inquiry nas submitted its report to the Government. A copv of the report alongwith a statement indicating the Government decisions on the findings and recommendations and action takes thereon has been placed in Parliament li brary vide Index No. 363.12465 N—J.

Indian Participation in World Conference on Tourism

382. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR'. Will the Minister of CTVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whe her government's a'tention has been drawn to the July, 1994 issue of the Ton Tourism Bulletin in which a detailed account has been given of the Indian participation in the World Conference on Tonrim in Latin America called cOTAL. which was recenly held in snain and of so. what are the broad details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that India had won be first awas and

Will Government consider participating in more such international con-'erence« and the details, thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the par kipation in COTAL and the subsequent visit of the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism to some of the Latin American countries hag created a good deal of interest in India and if so, what is the number of tourists expected from Latin America this year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TIONAND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) India has participa ted fdr the first time in the Congress and EXPO of the confederation of lour operators |tra-ve1 agents]hoteliers *at* Latin American Countries held in Madrid, Spain from 29-5-94 to 3-6-94. Department of Tourism put up an impressive stand at the Pavillion where peblicity literature etc. translated in Spanish language was distributed. An India Evening was also orgainsed which was attended by the Tourism and Travel Industry representatives of various countries.

113 Boohs were set up at the Pavi- | lion by participants from not only Latin American Countries and Spain but also from major tourist generating countries like USA. Canada, TJK, France, China. Japan. Russia. Taiwan ,

(b) India won (he Best Promotion Awarti For its overall presentation. | (TOTAL has announced the opening of i chapter in India. The Department is participating in several important international events such as. ITB-Berlin. WTM-London. EIBTM -Geneva. B1T-Mflan, FTTUR-Madrid, TUR-Sweden, ASTA-America, JATA-Japan, AFTA-AMtrialia, etc.

(c) Yes Sir, a great deal of interest has been shown and it is expected that the number of tourists visiting India would increase in the coming year.

Emergency exist flown off in *mkt* -

383. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the emergency exist of a plane being opera ted by a private air taxi operator, Archana Airways, had flown off in mid air recently causing a great deal of panic among the passengers, and if not what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the July, 1994 issue of the Top Tourism Bulletin that the preliminary reports bad discounted the taxi opera tor's version that the accident had taken, place because of the tinkering by a curious passenger, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE-M1NISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Archana Airways L-410 aircraft, wet leased from 1 ET Aeronautical Works, Czech Republic, was operating a flight from Delhi to Simla on 17-6-94. The aircraft was under the command of Czech crew. After take off, when the aircraft was about 15 nautical miles from Delhi, its right side emergency door had flown off. The aircraft thereafter made s safe landing at Delhi airport.

(b) Investigation into the incident has revealed that inadvertent turning of the handle to the "Open"' positon by the passenger/child had caused the emergency door to fly off during the flight.

Improvement of Totsrisi futilities at Andaman and Nicobar Islands

384. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps has been taken to improve the tourist facilities at Andaman and Nicobar, Island which has great tourist potential; and

(b) the reasons for which the weekly air service to Car Nicobar has been'